

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

00:00:00

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GLENN ROUSH**, on April 1, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Glenn Roush, Chairman (D)

Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)

Sen. Dan Harrington (D)

Sen. Bill Tash (R)

Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Sen. Mike Wheat (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R), Sen. Greg Lind (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Peg Holwick, Committee Secretary, Audio Technician
Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 790, 3/24/2005

Executive Action: HB 790

HEARING ON HB 790

00:02:11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. GLENN ROUSH, SD 8, CUT BANK opened the hearing, for REP. JIM PETERSON (R), HD 30, on HB 790, Interim study on split estates and coal bed methane reclamation and bonding.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:14 Gail Abercrombie, on behalf of Montana Petroleum Association
00:10:47 Gerome Anderson, Attorney
00:11:52 REP. JIM PETERSON (R), HD 30
00:15:25 Matt Ellaessner, Montana Conservation Voters
00:16:33 Steve Welch, Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)
00:17:06 Julia Page, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)
00:20:20 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society
00:21:05 Gary Forrester, Fidelity Oil and Gas
00:21:43 Patrick Montalban, Northern Montana Oil and Gas Association
00:24:12 Tom Esber, Attorney on behalf of Marathon Oil
00:26:21 Mark Aagenese, Montana Trout Unlimited
00:26:42 Kathleen Williams, Montana League of Women Voters

EXHIBIT (nas69a01)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:28:04

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:51

Closing by Sponsor:

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 790

00:51:08

Motion: SEN. TASH moved that HB 790 BE CONCURRED IN.

00:51:59

Discussion:

Motion: SEN. TOOLE moved amendment HB079002.ak1.

EXHIBIT (nas69a02)

00:53:00

Discussion:

00:59:43

Vote: Motion to concur in AMENDMENT HB079002.ak1 failed 1-5 by voice vote with SEN. TOOLE voting aye.

01:00:17

EXHIBIT (nas69a03)

Motion: SEN. TOOLE moved AMENDMENT HB079003.ak1.

01:00:17

Discussion:

01:01:18

Vote: Motion failed 1-5 by voice vote with SEN. TOOLE voting aye.

01:02:29

Discussion:

01:03:45

Motion/Vote: SEN. GEBHARDT moved a conceptual amendment to HB 790 .
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:05:16

Motion/Vote: SEN. GEBHARDT moved a second conceptual amendment to HB 790. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:07:58

Motion/Vote: SEN. GEBHARDT moved that HB 790 BE CONCURRED IN as amended. Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with SEN. TOOLE voting no. SEN. CURTISS, SEN. LIND, and SEN. PERRY voted by Proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

SEN. GLENN ROUSH, Chairman

PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

GR/ph

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas69aad0.TIF](#))